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Four Corners Weavers Guild

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Meeting Date:

March 21, 2026

Location:

Fellowship of Spirit Church

Address:

2009 E. 13th,
Farmington, NM

Social Time: 9:30

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Lunch: 11:30

Program: 12:30

Clasped Warp by Karen D.

- ▶ Our next meeting is at Fellowship of Spirit Church 2009 E. 13th, Farmington, NM
- ▶ The FCWG meets six times a year on the 3rd Saturday of odd numbered months. Meeting places vary and are announced in the newsletter published at the beginning of odd numbered months.
- ▶ Yearly dues for FCWG are \$25.00 (payable in May for established members). Payments should be made out to FCWG and sent to Valerie Hopper, 63 Road 3235, Aztec, New Mexico 87410-9540

*"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes.
Art is knowing which ones to keep."*

--Scott Adams

❖ President's Message

Hello Weavers and Fiber Enthusiasts,

The weather certainly is playing games this year. I hope everyone has been keeping creative as spring is coming up fast.

Soon we will be sharing our fiber time with the gardens.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

One of the discussions we will be having will be about our Mission Statement.

I attended the HGA Guild development Zoom conference and was inspired and have lots of ideas to share with the group.

Wonderful Weaving,

--Sherry H, President

❖ Of Interest

Wool yarn has been spun in New England since the 1700s, primarily because of the rivers there that could power the mills. The town of Harrisville, NH is a National Historic Landmark, preserving this element of American history. Most mills are now gone, but Harrisville Designs resurrected an old mill and continues the tradition of spinning wool yarn in this historic town. Their yarn is dyed in the wool, giving a heathered look that is different from yarn that is dyed after being spun. For more information check out the links to this Long Threads podcast and Harrisville Designs website:

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/long-thread-podcast-chick-colony-harrisville-designs>

<https://harrisville.com/pages/our-story>

❖ Programs and Workshops Report

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Cricket Rigid Heddle Club – March 7, 2026

The next meeting for rigid heddle weaving is March 7 from 10-12 AM at Karen's place in Aztec, NM. We will be learning how to do a variety of Danish Medallion weaves.

If you would like to warp your rigid heddle loom to learn along with us you are welcome to do that. Bring your warp thread along to use as a weft as well as some yarns that are heavier and lighter than your warp. It would be a good idea to bring some contrasting colors but not necessary.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. Most of what we learn can apply to both rigid heddle and 4 harness looms.

If you have any questions or need directions, please call Karen at 505-860-7735

Guild Meeting – March 21, 2026

The next guild meeting will be in Farmington at Fellowship of Spirit Church. Come early at 9:30 to visit before we start the business meeting at 10. Bring your show and tell. We love to see what you have been working on whether it is weaving or not! Bring your own sack lunch.

The afternoon program will be on clasped warp. Karen will be demonstrating how to warp both the rigid heddle and 4 harness looms. You will have a chance to help with the warping. This technique gives a variety of pattern possibilities. Karen likes to call some of it "dripping". Two contrasting colors are clasped together to create color patterns in the warp. Join us for a new experience in weaving!

Guild Meeting – May 14, 2026

Our program for the May meeting will be on twined weaving. Caroline Spurgeon will be leading the workshop. Looms will be provided but we need to know if you will be participating! Please let Karen know if you will be attending so that she will have a loom for you to use. krdearing@yahoo.com

Summer Workshops – June 20 and 21, 2026

Our first summer workshop will be on tapestry weaving with Caroline Spurgeon. It will be on June 20 and 21 at the Mancos library. Any skill levels are welcome to attend. If you need help warping your tapestry loom, she will be available at the May meeting to help you do that.

The second workshop is with Jennifer Moore on double weave. Her class is on September 24-26 held at the Mancos Community Center. All skill levels are welcome to participate. This will be a great workshop on learning about double weave and color.

If you did not receive the email with details about both workshops, please contact Karen at krdearing@yahoo.com.

-- Karen D, Vice President

❖ Treasurer's Report.

Check balance 12/29/2025		4636.09
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Dues	+ 50.00	
Venue,	-40.00	
Total for month		+10.00
Checkbook balance Feb 28,2026		\$4646.09

Kathy Sehnert, 527 N Willow St., Mancos, CO 81328
kssehnert@gmail.com 970-739-9654

-- Kathy S, Treasurer

❖ Membership Chairman's Report

If you are a new member, bring your membership check to the meeting. Annual membership dues are due in May. Receipt of the newsletter is a benefit of membership to the guild.

-- Valerie H, Membership

Send Dues To:

Valerie Hopper, 63 Road 3235, Aztec, New Mexico 87410-9540. Make your check out to **Four Corners Weaver's Guild**.

❖ Tips, Techniques, Educational Soundbites:

Many of us have come up short in the heddle department when warping our looms, or mysteriously having your shafts rise unevenly on one side or the other. In this useful article on heddle management Tom Knisely provides some tips on making sure you have the right number of heddles in the right place -- before it is too late!

<https://handwovenmagazine.com/notes-from-the-fell-on-heddle-management/>

❖ Schedule of Events

March 7, 2026 - Cricket Rigid Heddle Club. Aztec NM (free)

March 21, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Fellowship of Spirit Church in Farmington, NM.
Program - Clasped warp on rigid heddle and multi-harness looms.

April 4, 2026 - Cricket Rigid Heddle Club. Aztec, NM (free)

May 9, 2026 - Cricket Rigid Heddle Club, Aztec, NM (free)

May 16, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Mancos Grange in Mancos, CO.
Program-Twined weaving with Caroline Spurgeon.

June 20, 21 2026 - Tapestry Weaving Workshop with Caroline Spurgeon. Mancos Library in Mancos, CO.
Guild member cost \$55 plus \$5 fee paid to instructor for materials fee (non-members welcome \$80 plus \$5 materials fee paid to instructor).

July 18, 2026 - Guild Meeting. Annual picnic at Kathy S house in Mancos, CO.

September 19, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Fellowship of Spirit Church in Farmington, NM.
Program - Reading patterns and understanding graphs.

September 24-26, 2026 - Double Rainbow Weaving workshop with Jennifer Moore. Mancos Community Center in Mancos, CO.
Guild members \$190 plus \$10 materials fee paid to instructor.
(Non-members welcome - \$215 plus \$10 materials fee paid to instructor).

November 21, 2026 - Guild Meeting, Mancos Grange in Mancos, CO.
Program-Holiday Party.

❖ January 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Sherry at 10 am. A moment of silence was held for Laurie Thom.

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Visitors introduced themselves – Kate Travitz, Mallory Pierce and Brandon. Introductions and answering the question of “Share a word that describes your holiday that starts with the first letter of your name?” were shared around the group. We had 10 members attending, which included three guests.

Minutes of the last meeting were printed in the newsletter. A motion to accept the November minutes as corrected to reflect bookmarks were approved (not postcards) was made by Sherry and seconded by Mike. The vote was approved.

Discussed the bookmarks being created to share information about our guild. A photo of the bookmarks was passed around. Sherry will contact Caroline to move forward. Sherry made a motion to accept the photo of the bookmarks, which was seconded by Deb. The motion was approved.

Treasurer’s Report by Kathy: The report was printed in the newsletter and there has been no change. The balance is \$4,636.09. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made by Deb and seconded by Elaine. The vote was approved.

Committee Reports:

Service Project – Beverly reported that “we all did Awesome!” with donations. She explained that they like socks and individual personal care items. She coordinated with Stanna, who was impressed with the number of items donated. Stanna then delivered the items to a women and children’s shelter in Durango. Bev and Lana met for lunch in Mancos to share the donation items for Cortez, which Lana took. Bev tried to donate to the usual place in Farmington and was told on the phone they would take the donations, but when she arrived there was a sign on the door stating they would NOT take any donations. She then donated the items to Riverstone Church who offers free items to the community, not just their church community. Kate, a visitor, suggested another location in Farmington for donations.

Membership – Val reported we have 32 paid members. Kathy reported she has been in touch with two women, Louise and Darcy, who have expressed interest.

Library – Karen had nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Guild Growth – Sherry reported that the LaPlata 4H might be interested in weaving. If one of our members joins the 4H, then we can meet at the LaPlata Fairgrounds for free. Sherry also reported that she will be putting on a free weaving class at the Durango Library – Feb 7th 1-3pm and already has 33 people enrolled. She plans to demonstrate mug rugs, different types of looms (inkle, tapestry, table, etc). No looms are needed, but she would appreciate any help. Val and Bev volunteered to help. Anne mentioned that Farm2Yarn has a collection of yarns that have been donated to them. She has an abundance of acrylic yarns.

Tax Status – Sherry reported that Carol, our accountant, has been working on changing the Guild from for profit (a Corporation) to non-profit (a 501-3c). We need to change our Mission Statement and remove the word “sales” to change to non-profit. Our current Mission Statement was read aloud. Carol was also in need of our Bylaws and the current ones seem to be from September 19 2009. Discussion followed with many questions posed about what address will be used for the Guild, is it worth the change financially, etc. Sherry made a motion that we remove “and sales” from our Mission Statement which was seconded by Val. The motion was approved. Sherry will share the concerns with Carol and recognizes this will be an ongoing process while the Guild members understand the process and agree with the final decision to become a non-profit.

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New Business:

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Books – Anne brought a box of books from Laurie Thom. Karen will go through to see if any are needed for the library and the rest are available to members.

Looms – Anne asked what the plan is for Schacht 45" 4 harness floor loom and bench that had been picked up in Durango and delivered to her home. Did we want to add it to the Guild equipment inventory or find a new owner for the loom? Anne is happy to house the loom but would like to know the long-term plan for the loom. Kathy made a motion to sell the loom which Elaine seconded. Sherry then mentioned there are a Gilmore loom and a LeClerc loom also available to a new home. Discussion followed about selling looms, how to place a sell price for them and to check with area guilds for any interest.

Farmers' Market – Sherry mentioned we could display looms and yarns for sale. Karen mentioned she has found them helpful and an opportunity to teach. Sherry mentioned some Farmers' Markets won't charge if the booth is for education. We could consider doing a booth once a month to educate the public. Karen will attend the Farmington Farmers' Market.

Big Annual 2026 Workshops – Karen explained the two big workshops happening this summer.

1) Tapestry weaving. Caroline Spurgeon will be teaching tapestry weaving on June 20th and 21st at the Mancos Library for a max of 12 students. The total cost would be \$65 for a guild member and \$85 for a non-guild member. Registration opens April 1st and closes June 1st. There will be a \$30 cancellation charge. There was discussion about the cancellation charge. It was decided if there is a wait list, then there would not be a cancellation charge. The Program Committee will wait two weeks after registration opens to open the workshop to non-guild members and will collect a wait list of interested people.

2) Doubleweave. Jennifer Moore will teach weaving a double rainbow on September 24th to 26th at the Mancos Community Center. The total cost would be \$190 for a guild member and \$210 for a non-guild member with a light lunch each day. Registration opens April 1st and closes September 1st. The class will have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20. There will be a \$75 cancellation charge. Karen mentioned that Lunatic Fringe has kits for this workshop, but to not buy them yet as Jennifer will give us a discount code once she has received the list of participants. Deb has offered to host Jennifer for four nights. Discussion about offering money to the hostess followed. Beverly moved that the hostess receive \$25 per night for hosting an instructor, which was seconded by Elaine. Further discussion. The motion was approved. Karen tried to give Kathy \$100 for hosting Jennifer for the 2025 workshop, but she declined the offer.

May Program – Karen asked how many members had a twining loom and discussed making them for the program.

Show and Tell

Announcement – the Taos Fiber Festival will be at the La Plata Fairgrounds October 3rd and 4th this year and sponsored by the Mountain and Valley Wool Association. There was discussion about getting a booth and that will be investigated and reported on later. The meeting was closed at 11:54 am by Sherry.

-- Secretary, Deb Bacon

Program: Karen, Anne and Deb explained Doubleweave from our workshop in August with Jennifer Moore with samples and weaving demonstrations. We had a visitor, Louise Powers-Ackley, from Durango.

❖ Library

We have been gifted with several books from some of our members. We thank you for your gifts. If you have any books or related sewing, weaving, spinning or knitting books that need to find a new home, why not donate them to the guild library? If you would like to know what we already have in our library, you can go into the guild website to see the list. This is a good source of information that needs to be used! Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com, 505.334.2669 or 505.860.7735 (cell).

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❖ Links: Weaver's Conferences / Fiber Festivals / Magazines and Newsletters

Handweaver's Guild of America (Convergence in New Orleans, LA):
August 12-16, 2026. <https://weavespindye.org/>

Intermountain Weavers Conference (IWC) announced that their
2027 Conference will be held at Antlers Wyndham in Colorado
Springs July 6-10, 2027. <https://www.intermountainweavers.org>

Handwoven Magazine: <https://handwovenmagazine.com/>

WEFT Magazine: <https://www.weftmagazine.com/>

Tapestry Weaving with Caroline Spurgeon 2026

We are happy to announce that Caroline will be teaching a tapestry weaving class. Caroline has been weaving for years and has written several books on various weaving techniques and looms.

Date: June 20, 21 2026

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Venue: Mancos Library

Cost: \$65 for guild members
(\$85 for non-guild members)

Material Fee Due to Instructor: \$5

Minimum: 6 **Maximum:** 12

Skill Level: All levels welcome



Additional Information: See attached PDF for specific information about the class. Loom is to be warped before class. If you do not have a loom and would like to take the class, please let us know and we will try to help you find one. This will be a fun class for everyone. We will learn the basics of tapestry weaving and explore how to make angles and curves.

Registration Opens: April 1, 2026 for guild members (registration open for non-guild members is April 21, 2026)

Registration Closes: June 1, 2026

Last Day to Cancel Registration: June 1, 2026. (There is a \$30 cancellation charge. This is to encourage people to be serious about taking the workshop! Some exceptions may apply)

To Register for the Class contact Kathy Sehnert at kssehnert@gmail.com

For Questions contact Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com

Jennifer Moore Double Rainbow Workshop 2026

We are pleased to announce that the Four Corners Weavers Guild is offering another double weave workshop with Jennifer Moore. This one explores double weave as well as color theory. There will be additional weave structures covered that we did not do in her last workshop.

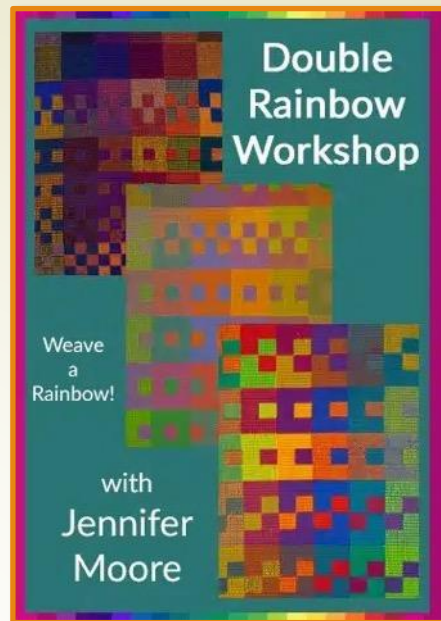
Date: September 24-26, 2026

Venue: Mancos Community Center
130 Grand Avenue, Mancos CO

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Cost: \$190 for members of the guild
(includes a light lunch each day)

\$210 for non-members (includes a light lunch each day)



Registration Opens: April 1, 2026 for guild members (April 21, 2026 for non-guild members).

Registration Closes: September 1, 2026

Last Day to Cancel Registration: September 1, 2026 (there is a \$75 **cancellation** fee. This is to encourage people to be serious about taking this workshop! Some exceptions may apply)

Materials Fee Due to Instructor: \$10

Double Rainbow Kit Available from Lunatic Fringe. Go to their site and then to workshops and you will find the kits there. Choose one of the four colorways for your workshop kit. Choose either 5/2 or 10/2. When you register for the workshop, you will be given a discount code to use with your order. The cost of the kit is about \$105. You may also use threads from your stash but may want to stick with one of these 2 sizes.

Warping Instructions: Jennifer will send warping instructions to registered students about 2 months prior to the workshop. There will be some short videos to help with warping.

Maximum: 20 students

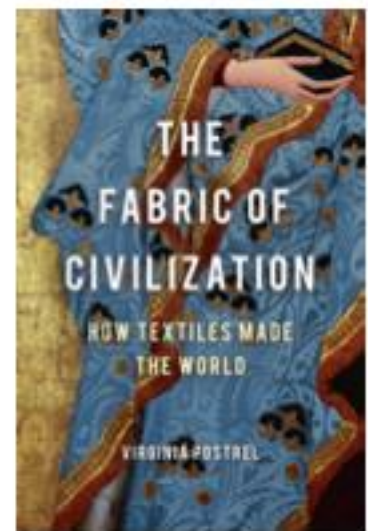
To register contact Kathy Sehnert at ksshnert@gmail.com or call her at 970-739-9654

For questions contact Karen Dearing at krdearing@yahoo.com or call 505-860-7735



Colorado Weavers Day 2026 will be held, Saturday May 2, 2026 at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, hosted by Pikes Peak Weavers Guild. Keynote Speakers will be Virginia Postrel and Emily Trujillo.

Keynote Speaker Virginia Postrel is an author, columnist, and speaker. Her work spans a broad range of topics, from social science to fashion, concentrating on the intersection of culture, commerce, and technology, with an eye toward understanding the personal and social meaning of life in a dynamic, commercial



culture. She will be speaking on her latest book, "*The Fabric of Civilization: How Textiles Made the World*. From Neanderthal

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